

enrolled in school			
Nursery school, preschool	226	Less than 9th grade	884
Kindergarten	170	9th to 12th grade, no diploma	1,395
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	1,569	High school graduate	2,439
High school (grades 9-12)	702	Some college, no degree	1,547
College or graduate school	333	Associate degree	300
		Bachelor's degree	632
		Graduate or professional degree	277
Total	3,000		7,474

FISCAL INFORMATION

In 1999, the Health and Human Services Commission's poverty estimates for Camp County was 1,995 or 18.61 percent of the non-institutional population. Approximately 3,307,787 Texans or 16.54 percent of the total population fell beneath the poverty line in 1999; this exceeded the U.S. poverty rate of 11.8 percent. • There were 1,692 people enrolled in Medicaid in April 2002 with 946 of those being under the age of 18. •

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts reported total state expenditures of \$19,431,116 for Camp County in their "State Expenditures by County 2000" report. The State spent \$7,736,586 on public assistance and \$796,219 on highway construction and maintenance in Camp County. • During the third quarter of 2001, gross sales for all industries totaled \$30,734,411. Comparing the third quarter of 2000 to the third quarter of 2001, gross sales changed 9 percent (from \$28,319,764). • The county had 6 bank offices in 2001, as reported by the FDIC, with total deposits of \$186 million. This represents 0.08 percent of total deposits in Texas (\$243,390 billion). •

LABOR FORCE

The county civilian labor force was 5,563 in March 2002 reflecting an increase from the March 2001 level of 5,381. According to the Texas Workforce Commission, total unemployment in March 2002 was 296 contrasted to the March 2001 total of 291. The Camp County unemployment rate for March 2002 was 5.3 percent compared to the March 2001 rate of 5.4 percent. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in March 2002 and 4.2 percent in March 2001. •

In the first quarter of 2001, Camp County had 4,124 employed persons and an average weekly wage of \$433. •

Industry	Jobs Percentage	
Natural Resources & Mining	1,026	25%
Construction	191	6%
Manufacturing	621	15%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	810	20%
Information	0	0%

Financial Activities	226	6%
Professional & Business Services	42	1%
Education & Health Services	456	11%
Leisure & Hospitality	154	4%
Other Services	57	1%
Nonclassifiable	9	0%
Federal Government	30	1%
State Government	25	1%
Local Government	477	12%



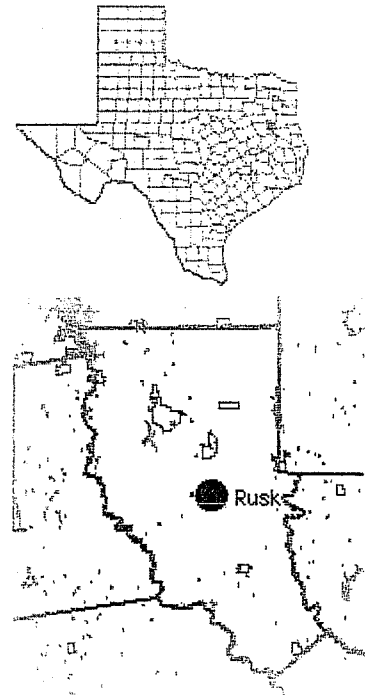
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Texas Economic Development

Cherokee County

Cherokee County is located in central East Texas, bordered on the north by Smith County, on the east by Rusk and Nacogdoches counties, on the south by Angelina County, and on the west by Anderson and Houston counties. Rusk, the county seat, is 130 miles southeast of Dallas and 160 miles north of Houston. The Neches River forms the western boundary of the county and the Angelina River the southeastern boundary. Three major reservoirs lie wholly or partly within the county: Lake Palestine, Striker Creek Reservoir, and Lake Jacksonville. Tourism is of growing importance, spurred by the establishment of the Texas State Railroad State Historical Park in 1971. • Cherokee County, FIPSCODE 48073, is the 61st largest of the 254 counties in Texas, with an estimated population of 46,659 in 2000. •

The county consists of 1062 square miles with a 2000 population density of 44.3 residents per square mile. • The average density in Texas is 79.6 persons per square mile which is the same as the national average. Rainfall in Cherokee County averages 46.1 inches per year as compared to the Texas average of 28.1 inches per year. •



FARMING

The average growing season in Cherokee County is 258 days with the first freeze generally occurring around November 21. Texas is so climatically diverse that statewide averages are irrelevant as a means of comparison. •

Farming •	1987	1997
Number of Farms	1,463	1,429
Acres of Farmland	284,490	283,241
Average Size of Farm (acres)	194	198

Distances from the county seat Rusk (Miles)

Austin	186
Amarillo	451
Brownsville	430
Dallas	117
El Paso	663
Houston	141

POPULATION

According to the Census, Cherokee County's population changed 14 percent from 1990 to 2000. The county's population was 41,049 in 1990 and 46,659 in 2000, an increase of 5,610. In 2000, the median age was 36.0 years versus a statewide average of 32.3 years and a national average of 35.3 years. • The Texas Department of Human Services reported there were 717 births and 500 deaths in Cherokee County in 2000. •

Cities

- Alto, City of
- Cuneo, City of
- Gallatin, City of
- Jacksonville, City of
- New Summerfield, City of
- Reklaw, City of
- Rusk, City of
- Wells, City of

The 2000 Census estimates for Texas show a population composition as follows:

Age Breakdown •	Cherokee County	Texas
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Chambers

- Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce
- Rusk Chamber of Commerce

Under 18	26.3%	28.2%
18-24	9.3%	10.5%
25-44	27.4%	31.1%
45-64	21.9%	20.2%
65+	15.1%	9.9%

The 2000 Census Bureau's race/ethnic distribution estimates are as follows:*

Group *	Cherokee County	Cherokee County (Percent)	Texas	Texas (Percent)
White	34,685	74%	14,799,505	71.0%
Black	7,446	16%	2,404,566	11.5%
Hispanic	6,178	13%	6,669,666	32.0%
Asian	188	0%	562,319	2.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	220	0%	118,362	0.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	28	0%	14,434	0.1%

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HOUSEHOLDS

The county had approximately 16,651 households in 2000 according to the Census. This represents an average of 2.63 persons per household. The housing per square mile rate was 11.2 percent and the county's homeowner rate was 73.8 percent. *

The mean travel time to work was 23.8 minutes compared to a state average of 25.4 minutes. The number of people over 16 who commuted to work was 18,371 while the number that worked at home was 529. The commuting to work breakdown was as follows: drove alone (13,882), carpooled (3,304), public transportation (46), walked (320), and other means (290).*

EDUCATION

According to the Census, 11,603 people in Cherokee County were enrolled in school in 2000. Countywide, 68.4 percent had a high school diploma or higher and 11.4 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. The equivalent statewide figures for a high school diploma or higher and a bachelor's degree or higher were 75.7 percent and 23.2 percent, respectively. *

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT*
Population 3 years and over

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT
Population 25 years and over

Top 10 Employers

ALLEGIANCE HEALTHCARE INC
EAST TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER
JACKSONVILLE ISD
PALAIS ROYAL OF HOUSTON INC
POWELL PLANT FARMS INC
RUSK ISD
RUSK STATE HOSPITAL
TEXAS DEPT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC
WESTERN LITHO PLATE & SUPPLY CO

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enrolled in school			
Nursery school, preschool	717	Less than 9th grade	3,667
Kindergarten	678	9th to 12th grade, no diploma	5,821
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	5,799	High school graduate	9,600
High school (grades 9-12)	2,697	Some college, no degree	6,175
College or graduate school	1,712	Associate degree	1,334
		Bachelor's degree	2,227
		Graduate or professional degree	1,184
Total	11,603		30,008

FISCAL INFORMATION

In 1999, the Health and Human Services Commission's poverty estimates for Cherokee County was 8,353 or 19.08 percent of the non-institutional population. Approximately 3,307,787 Texans or 16.54 percent of the total population fell beneath the poverty line in 1999; this exceeded the U.S. poverty rate of 11.8 percent. * There were 6,141 people enrolled in Medicaid in April 2002 with 3,525 of those being under the age of 18. *

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts reported total state expenditures of \$146,573,313 for Cherokee County in their "State Expenditures by County 2000" report. The State spent \$46,896,097 on public assistance and \$5,915,233 on highway construction and maintenance in Cherokee County. * During the third quarter of 2001, gross sales for all industries totaled \$174,819,497. Comparing the third quarter of 2000 to the third quarter of 2001, gross sales changed 2 percent (from \$171,660,356). * The county had 11 bank offices in 2001, as reported by the FDIC, with total deposits of \$468 million. This represents 0.19 percent of total deposits in Texas (\$243,390 billion).*

LABOR FORCE

The county civilian labor force was 19,785 in March 2002 reflecting an increase from the March 2001 level of 19,706. According to the Texas Workforce Commission, total unemployment in March 2002 was 789 contrasted to the March 2001 total of 819. The Cherokee County unemployment rate for March 2002 was 4.0 percent compared to the March 2001 rate of 4.2 percent. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in March 2002 and 4.2 percent in March 2001.*

In the first quarter of 2001, Cherokee County had 16,417 employed persons and an average weekly wage of \$440. *

Industry	Jobs Percentage	
Natural Resources & Mining	1,361	9%
Construction	405	3%
Manufacturing	3,395	21%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	3,046	18%

Information	141	1%
Financial Activities	492	3%
Professional & Business Services	523	3%
Education & Health Services	2,161	13%
Leisure & Hospitality	698	5%
Other Services	146	1%
Nonclassifiable	3	0%
Federal Government	86	1%
State Government	2,015	12%
Local Government	1,945	12%



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Texas Economic Development

Gregg County

Gregg County, in Northeast Texas, is bounded on the North by Upshur, on the South by Rusk, on the West by Smith, and on the East by Harrison counties. Longview, Gregg County's largest town, is 130 miles east of Dallas and sixty-five miles west of Shreveport, Louisiana. It is also the county seat. * Gregg County, FIPSCODE 48183, is the 30th largest of the 254 counties in Texas, with an estimated population of 111,379 in 2000. *

The county consists of 276 square miles with a 2000 population density of 406.4 residents per square mile.* The average density in Texas is 79.6 persons per square mile which is the same as the national average. Rainfall in Gregg County averages 47.0 inches per year as compared to the Texas average of 28.1 inches per year. *

FARMING

The average growing season in Gregg County is 247 days with the first freeze generally occurring around November 15. Texas is so climatically diverse that statewide averages are irrelevant as a means of comparison.

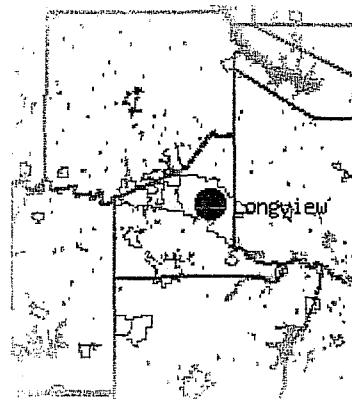
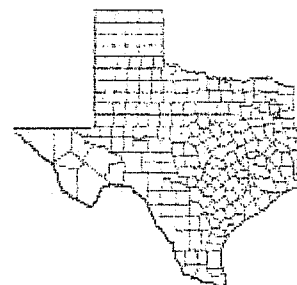
Farming *	1987	1997
Number of Farms	351	363
Acres of Farmland	54,046	51,388
Average Size of Farm (acres)	154	142

POPULATION

According to the Census, Gregg County's population changed 6 percent from 1990 to 2000. The county's population was 104,948 in 1990 and 111,379 in 2000, an increase of 6,431. In 2000, the median age was 35.0 years versus a statewide average of 32.3 years and a national average of 35.3 years. * The Texas Department of Human Services reported there were 1,780 births and 1,209 deaths in Gregg County in 2000.*

The 2000 Census estimates for Texas show a population composition as follows:

Age Breakdown	Gregg County	Texas
Under 18	26.7%	28.2%
18-24	10.3%	10.5%
25-44	28.2%	31.1%
45-64	21.5%	20.2%
65+	13.2%	9.9%



Distances from the county seat Longview (Miles)

Austin	233
Amarillo	446
Brownsville	485
Dallas	118
El Paso	685
Houston	194

Cities

- Clarksville City, City of
- Easton, City of
- Gladewater, City of
- Kilgore, City of
- Lakeport, City of
- Longview, City of
- Union Grove, City of
- Warren City, City of
- White Oak, City of

Chambers

- Gladewater Chamber of Commerce

The 2000 Census Bureau's race/ethnic distribution estimates are as follows:*

Group *	Gregg County	Gregg County (Percent)	Texas	Texas (Percent)
White	81,184	73%	14,799,505	71.0%
Black	22,115	20%	2,404,566	11.5%
Hispanic	10,183	9%	6,669,666	32.0%
Asian	752	1%	562,319	2.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	579	1%	118,362	0.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	21	0%	14,434	0.1%

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HOUSEHOLDS

The county had approximately 42,687 households in 2000 according to the Census. This represents an average of 2.54 persons per household. The housing per square mile rate was 11.2 percent and the county's homeowner rate was 64.1 percent. *

The mean travel time to work was 19.5 minutes compared to a state average of 25.4 minutes. The number of people over 16 who commuted to work was 48,310 while the number that worked at home was 1,079. The commuting to work breakdown was as follows: drove alone (40,175), carpooled (5,725), public transportation (103), walked (625), and other means (603).*

EDUCATION

According to the Census, 29,686 people in Gregg County were enrolled in school in 2000. Countywide, 79.1 percent had a high school diploma or higher and 19.5 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. The equivalent statewide figures for a high school diploma or higher and a bachelor's degree or higher were 75.7 percent and 23.2 percent, respectively. *

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT*

Population 3 years and over enrolled in school

Nursery school, preschool	2,010
Kindergarten	1,562
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	13,853
High school (grades 9-12)	7,244
College or graduate school	5,017

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25 years and over

Less than 9th grade	4,642
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	9,992
High school graduate	19,372
Some college, no degree	17,712
Associate degree	4,629
Bachelor's degree	9,276
Graduate or professional degree	4,383

-Kilgore Chamber of Commerce
-Longview Partnership Chamber of Commerce
-White Oak Chamber of Commerce

Top 20 Employers

FLEETWOOD TRAVEL TRAILERS OF TEXAS INC
GLADEWATER COUNTY LINE ISD
GOOD SHEPARD MEDICAL CENTER
GREGG INDUSTRIAL INSULATORS INC
KILGORE ISD
KILGORE JUNIOR COLLEGE DIST
LETOURNEAU INC
LETOURNEAU UNIVERSITY
LONGVIEW ISD
NEIMAN MARCUS GROUP INC
PINE TREE ISD
REGIONAL HOSPITAL OF LONGVIEW
SABINE VALLEY REGIONAL MHMR
SITEL CORPORATION
SUPER ONE FOODS
TEXAS HOME HEALTH OF AMERICA I
UNITED PARCEL SERVICE INC
VERTEX COMMUNICATIONS
WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC
WESTMINSTER PLACE

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Total

29,686

70,006

FISCAL INFORMATION

In 1999, the Health and Human Services Commission's poverty estimates for Gregg County was 16,808 or 15.54 percent of the non-institutional population. Approximately 3,307,787 Texans or 16.54 percent of the total population fell beneath the poverty line in 1999; this exceeded the U.S. poverty rate of 11.8 percent. • There were 12,900 people enrolled in Medicaid in April 2002 with 7,377 of those being under the age of 18. •

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts reported total state expenditures of \$249,236,174 for Gregg County in their "State Expenditures by County 2000" report. The State spent \$131,060,066 on public assistance and \$11,705,097 on highway construction and maintenance in Gregg County. • During the third quarter of 2001, gross sales for all industries totaled \$1,337,216,974. Comparing the third quarter of 2000 to the third quarter of 2001, gross sales changed 5 percent (from \$1,268,192,907). • The county had 45 bank offices in 2001, as reported by the FDIC, with total deposits of \$1,602 million. This represents 0.66 percent of total deposits in Texas (\$243,390 billion). •

LABOR FORCE

The county civilian labor force was 58,348 in March 2002 reflecting an increase from the March 2001 level of 57,686. According to the Texas Workforce Commission, total unemployment in March 2002 was 3,484 contrasted to the March 2001 total of 2,837. The Gregg County unemployment rate for March 2002 was 6.0 percent compared to the March 2001 rate of 4.9 percent. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in March 2002 and 4.2 percent in March 2001. •

In the first quarter of 2001, Gregg County had 64,419 employed persons and an average weekly wage of \$517. •

Industry	Jobs Percentage	
Natural Resources & Mining	2,594	4%
Construction	3,778	6%
Manufacturing	9,359	15%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	14,732	23%
Information	1,374	2%
Financial Activities	2,545	4%
Professional & Business Services	5,133	8%
Education & Health Services	9,568	15%
Leisure & Hospitality	6,135	10%
Other Services	1,845	3%

Nonclassifiable	2	0%
Federal Government	332	1%
State Government	355	1%
Local Government	6,667	10%



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Texas Economic Development

Harrison County

Harrison County is located in northeastern Texas along the Louisiana border. Marshall, the county seat and largest town, is 152 miles east of Dallas and thirty-nine miles west of Shreveport. Caddo Lake State Park, Lake O' the Pines, and other lakes provide water recreation, and the county maintains numerous historic sites. • Harrison County, FIPSCODE 48203, is the 49th largest of the 254 counties in Texas, with an estimated population of 62,110 in 2000. •

The county consists of 915 square miles with a 2000 population density of 69.1 residents per square mile. • The average density in Texas is 79.6 persons per square mile which is the same as the national average. Rainfall in Harrison County averages 47.7 inches per year as compared to the Texas average of 28.1 inches per year. •

FARMING

The average growing season in Harrison County is 245 days with the first freeze generally occurring around November 17. Texas is so climatically diverse that statewide averages are irrelevant as a means of comparison. •

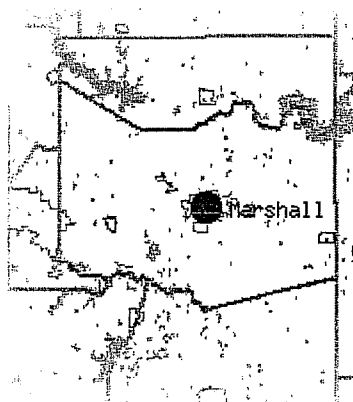
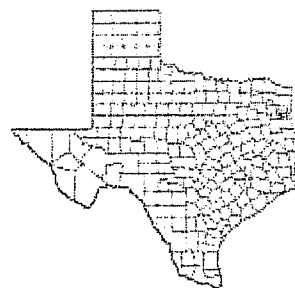
Farming •	1987	1997
Number of Farms	1,043	1,107
Acres of Farmland	193,932	214,495
Average Size of Farm (acres)	186	194

POPULATION

According to the Census, Harrison County's population changed 8 percent from 1990 to 2000. The county's population was 57,483 in 1990 and 62,110 in 2000, an increase of 4,627. In 2000, the median age was 36.1 years versus a statewide average of 32.3 years and a national average of 35.3 years. • The Texas Department of Human Services reported there were 801 births and 613 deaths in Harrison County in 2000. •

The 2000 Census estimates for Texas show a population composition as follows:

Age Breakdown•	Harrison County	Texas
Under 18	26.8%	28.2%
18-24	10.0%	10.5%
25-44	27.1%	31.1%
45-64	23.0%	20.2%
65+	13.1%	9.9%



Distances from the county seat Marshall (Miles)

Austin	253
Amarillo	467
Brownsville	495
Dallas	142
El Paso	709
Houston	201

Cities

- Hallsville, City of
- Marshall, City of
- Scottsville, City of
- Uncertain, City of
- Waskom, City of

Chambers

- Greater Marshall Chamber of Commerce
- Hallsville Area Chamber of Commerce
- Morton Area Chamber of Commerce

The 2000 Census Bureau's race/ethnic distribution estimates are as follows:*

Group *	Harrison County	Harrison County (Percent)	Texas	Texas (Percent)
White	44,313	71%	14,799,505	71.0%
Black	14,926	24%	2,404,566	11.5%
Hispanic	3,316	5%	6,669,666	32.0%
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Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	24	0%	14,434	0.1%

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HOUSEHOLDS

The county had approximately 23,087 households in 2000 according to the Census. This represents an average of 2.62 persons per household. The housing per square mile rate was 11.2 percent and the county's homeowner rate was 77.2 percent. *

The mean travel time to work was 23.0 minutes compared to a state average of 25.4 minutes. The number of people over 16 who commuted to work was 25,817 while the number that worked at home was 626. The commuting to work breakdown was as follows: drove alone (21,104), carpooled (3,320), public transportation (58), walked (477), and other means (232).*

EDUCATION

According to the Census, 17,187 people in Harrison County were enrolled in school in 2000. Countywide, 78.3 percent had a high school diploma or higher and 15.4 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. The equivalent statewide figures for a high school diploma or higher and a bachelor's degree or higher were 75.7 percent and 23.2 percent, respectively. *

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT*

Population 3 years and over
enrolled in school

Nursery school, preschool	948
Kindergarten	903
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	8,050
High school (grades 9-12)	4,034
College or graduate school	3,252

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25 years and over

Less than 9th grade	2,788
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	5,714
High school graduate	13,343
Some college, no degree	9,034
Associate degree	2,232

Top 10 Employers

BICCGENERAL CABLES INDUSTRIES I
EAST TEXAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
EASTMAN CHEMICAL COMPANY
HALLSVILLE ISD
HOMES GARDEN PARTY INC
MARSHALL ISD
MARSHALL REGIONAL HOSPITAL
CENTER
REPUBLIC NATIONAL INDUSTRIES OF
TEXAS
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	Bachelor's degree	4,209
	Graduate or professional degree	1,810
Total		39,130
		17,187

FISCAL INFORMATION

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The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts reported total state expenditures of \$105,718,065 for Harrison County in their "State Expenditures by County 2000" report. The State spent \$46,589,574 on public assistance and \$12,130,020 on highway construction and maintenance in Harrison County. • During the third quarter of 2001, gross sales for all industries totaled \$324,594,731. Comparing the third quarter of 2000 to the third quarter of 2001, gross sales changed 4 percent (from \$313,037,670). • The county had 17 bank offices in 2001, as reported by the FDIC, with total deposits of \$537 million. This represents 0.22 percent of total deposits in Texas (\$243,390 billion). •

LABOR FORCE

The county civilian labor force was 27,541 in March 2002 reflecting an increase from the March 2001 level of 27,206. According to the Texas Workforce Commission, total unemployment in March 2002 was 1,738 contrasted to the March 2001 total of 1,411. The Harrison County unemployment rate for March 2002 was 6.3 percent compared to the March 2001 rate of 5.2 percent. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in March 2002 and 4.2 percent in March 2001. •

In the first quarter of 2001, Harrison County had 21,085 employed persons and an average weekly wage of \$610. •

Industry	Jobs	Percentage
Natural Resources & Mining	894	4%
Construction	1,034	5%
Manufacturing	6,275	30%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	3,493	18%
Information	107	1%
Financial Activities	988	5%
Professional & Business Services	879	5%
Education & Health Services	2,265	11%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,420	7%

Other Services	512	3%
Nonclassifiable	8	0%
Federal Government	125	1%
State Government	305	1%
Local Government	2,780	13%



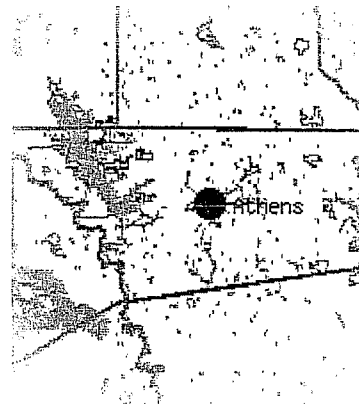
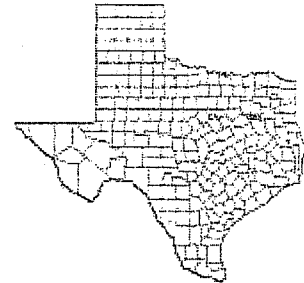
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Henderson County

Henderson County is located in East Texas between the Neches and Trinity Rivers. Athens, the largest city and county seat, is about sixty miles southeast of Dallas. There are thirty-two private and public lakes in the county. Recreation and entertainment, hunting, and fishing, bring people to the county along the Texas Forest Trail and the Texas Lakes Trail. The Old Fiddlers Reunion is held in May, and the Black-Eyed Pea Jamboree in July, both in Athens. • Henderson County, FIPSCODE 48213, is the 45th largest of the 254 counties in Texas, with an estimated population of 73,277 in 2000. •

The county consists of 949 square miles with a 2000 population density of 83.8 residents per square mile. • The average density in Texas is 79.6 persons per square mile which is the same as the national average. Rainfall in Henderson County averages 39.7 inches per year as compared to the Texas average of 28.1 inches per year. •



FARMING

The average growing season in Henderson County is 260 days with the first freeze generally occurring around November 26. Texas is so climatically diverse that statewide averages are irrelevant as a means of comparison. •

Farming •	1987	1997
Number of Farms	1,577	1,630
Acres of Farmland	333,190	367,096
Average Size of Farm (acres)	211	225

Distances from the county seat Athens (Miles)

Austin	173
Amarillo	401
Brownsville	445
Dallas	67
El Paso	621
Houston	171

POPULATION

According to the Census, Henderson County's population changed 25 percent from 1990 to 2000. The county's population was 58,543 in 1990 and 73,277 in 2000, an increase of 14,734. In 2000, the median age was 40.2 years versus a statewide average of 32.3 years and a national average of 35.3 years. • The Texas Department of Human Services reported there were 958 births and 912 deaths in Henderson County in 2000. •

The 2000 Census estimates for Texas show a population composition as follows:

Age Breakdown•	Henderson County	Texas
Under 18	24.4%	28.2%
18-24	7.6%	10.5%
25-44	25.0%	31.1%

Cities

- Athens, City of
- Caney City, City of
- Chandler, City of
- Enchanted Oaks, City of
- Eustace, City of
- Gun Barrel City, City of
- Log Cabin, City of
- Malakoff, City of
- Moore Station, City of
- Murchison, City of
- Poynor, City of
- Seven Points, City of
- Star Harbor, City of
- Tool, City of
- Trinidad, City of

45-64	24.8%	20.2%
65+	18.2%	9.9%

The 2000 Census Bureau's race/ethnic distribution estimates are as follows:*

Group *	Henderson County	Henderson County (Percent)	Texas	Texas (Percent)
White	64,850	88%	14,799,505	71.0%
Black	4,842	7%	2,404,566	11.5%
Hispanic	5,071	7%	6,669,666	32.0%
Asian	221	0%	562,319	2.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	399	1%	118,362	0.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	24	0%	14,434	0.1%

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HOUSEHOLDS

The county had approximately 28,804 households in 2000 according to the Census. This represents an average of 2.50 persons per household. The housing per square mile rate was 11.2 percent and the county's homeowner rate was 80.0 percent. *

The mean travel time to work was 35.4 minutes compared to a state average of 25.4 minutes. The number of people over 16 who commuted to work was 28,958 while the number that worked at home was 858. The commuting to work breakdown was as follows: drove alone (22,538), carpooled (4,779), public transportation (30), walked (369), and other means (384).*

EDUCATION

According to the Census, 16,770 people in Henderson County were enrolled in school in 2000. Countywide, 73.5 percent had a high school diploma or higher and 12.1 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. The equivalent statewide figures for a high school diploma or higher and a bachelor's degree or higher were 75.7 percent and 23.2 percent, respectively. *

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT*

Population 3 years and over
enrolled in school

Nursery school, preschool	1,048
Kindergarten	1,028
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	8,280

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25 years and over

Less than 9th grade	4,449
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	8,795
High school graduate	

Chambers

-Athens Chamber of Commerce
-Eustace Area Chamber of Commerce
-Lake Palestine Chamber of Commerce
-Malakoff Area Chamber of Commerce

Top 10 Employers

ATHENS ISD
BROOKSHIRE GROCERY CO
BROWNSBORO ISD
EAST TX MEDICAL CENER - ATHENS
EUSTACE ISD
MALAKOFF ISD
MAXXIM MEDICAL INC
REDMAN HOMES INC
TRINITY VALLEY COMMUNITY COLL
WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC

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			16,120
High school (grades 9-12)	4,002	Some college, no degree	11,794
College or graduate school	2,412	Associate degree	2,707
		Bachelor's degree	4,054
		Graduate or professional degree	1,967
Total	16,770		49,886

FISCAL INFORMATION

In 1999, the Health and Human Services Commission's poverty estimates for Henderson County was 12,455 or 16.64 percent of the non-institutional population. Approximately 3,307,787 Texans or 16.54 percent of the total population fell beneath the poverty line in 1999; this exceeded the U.S. poverty rate of 11.8 percent. " There were 7,419 people enrolled in Medicaid in April 2002 with 4,118 of those being under the age of 18. "

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts reported total state expenditures of \$121,908,407 for Henderson County in their "State Expenditures by County 2000" report. The State spent \$43,837,130 on public assistance and \$11,904,980 on highway construction and maintenance in Henderson County. " During the third quarter of 2001, gross sales for all industries totaled \$226,235,757. Comparing the third quarter of 2000 to the third quarter of 2001, gross sales changed 5 percent (from \$214,806,456). " The county had 23 bank offices in 2001, as reported by the FDIC, with total deposits of \$605 million. This represents 0.25 percent of total deposits in Texas (\$243,390 billion)."

LABOR FORCE

The county civilian labor force was 31,573 in March 2002 reflecting an increase from the March 2001 level of 31,218. According to the Texas Workforce Commission, total unemployment in March 2002 was 1,560 contrasted to the March 2001 total of 1,058. The Henderson County unemployment rate for March 2002 was 4.9 percent compared to the March 2001 rate of 3.4 percent. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in March 2002 and 4.2 percent in March 2001. "

In the first quarter of 2001, Henderson County had 15,604 employed persons and an average weekly wage of \$432. "

Industry	Jobs Percentage	
Natural Resources & Mining	295	2%
Construction	863	6%
Manufacturing	2,094	13%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	3,533	23%
Information	261	2%
Financial Activities	709	5%
Professional & Business Services	844	6%

Education & Health Services	2,060	13%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,587	11%
Other Services	390	3%
Nonclassifiable	3	0%
Federal Government	102	1%
State Government	180	1%
Local Government	2,683	18%



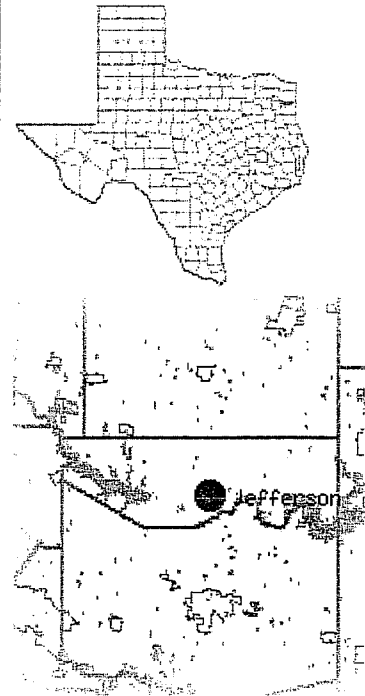
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Texas Economic Development

Marion County

Marion County is in northeastern Texas; its eastern boundary forms a portion of the Louisiana-Texas border. Jefferson, the largest town and county seat, is seventeen miles north of Marshall, in Harrison County and forty-six miles west of Shreveport, Louisiana. Tourism has been stimulated by the reconstructed and renovated Jefferson Historic Riverfront District and the recreation opportunities offered by Caddo Lake State Park and Lake o' the Pines. Events like the annual Pilgrimage Celebration, a three-day open house tour of some of Jefferson's more than ninety state-designated historical monuments, homes, hotels, and a museum, account for hundreds of thousands of tourist dollars a year in the local economy. * Marion County, FIPSCODE 48321, is the 161st largest of the 254 counties in Texas, with an estimated population of 10,941 in 2000. *

The county consists of 420 square miles with a 2000 population density of 28.7 residents per square mile. * The average density in Texas is 79.6 persons per square mile which is the same as the national average. Rainfall in Marion County averages 44.7 inches per year as compared to the Texas average of 28.1 inches per year. *



FARMING

The average growing season in Marion County is 236 days with the first freeze generally occurring around November 9. Texas is so climatically diverse that statewide averages are irrelevant as a means of comparison.

Farming *	1987	1997
Number of Farms	207	207
Acres of Farmland	49,658	61,981
Average Size of Farm (acres)	240	299

Distances from the county seat Jefferson (Miles)

Austin	263
Amarillo	460
Brownsville	509
Dallas	141
El Paso	709
Houston	216

POPULATION

According to the Census, Marion County's population changed 10 percent from 1990 to 2000. The county's population was 9,984 in 1990 and 10,941 in 2000, an increase of 957. In 2000, the median age was 43.3 years versus a statewide average of 32.3 years and a national average of 35.3 years. * The Texas Department of Human Services reported there were 121 births and 152 deaths in Marion County in 2000. *

Cities

- Jefferson, City of

Chambers

- Marion County Chamber of Commerce

The 2000 Census estimates for Texas show a population composition as follows:

Age Breakdown* Marion Texas

Top 10 Employers

BURGER KING

	County	
Under 18	22.3%	28.2%
18-24	6.4%	10.5%
25-44	23.6%	31.1%
45-64	28.4%	20.2%
65+	19.2%	9.9%

DIAMOND BACK TRANSPORT INC
JEFFERSON ISD
JORDAN HEALTH SERVICES INC
MARION - COUNTY OF
MARION COUNTY MANAGEMENT CO
MILLER PIPELINE CORPORATION
SONOCO PRODUCTS CO
T J BLACKBURN SYRUP WORKS INC
TEXAS HEALTH ENTERPRISES INC

Employers are listed alphabetically with no ranking intended. "

The 2000 Census Bureau's race/ethnic distribution estimates are as follows:*

Group "	Marion County	Marion County (Percent)	Texas	Texas (Percent)
White	7,958	73%	14,799,505	71.0%
Black	2,616	24%	2,404,566	11.5%
Hispanic	263	2%	6,669,666	32.0%
Asian	24	0%	562,319	2.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	87	1%	118,362	0.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1	0%	14,434	0.1%

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HOUSEHOLDS

The county had approximately 4,610 households in 2000 according to the Census. This represents an average of 2.35 persons per household. The housing per square mile rate was 11.2 percent and the county's homeowner rate was 82.1 percent. *

The mean travel time to work was 32.9 minutes compared to a state average of 25.4 minutes. The number of people over 16 who commuted to work was 3,934 while the number that worked at home was 91. The commuting to work breakdown was as follows: drove alone (3,005), carpooled (594), public transportation (6), walked (135), and other means (103)."

EDUCATION

According to the Census, 2,167 people in Marion County were enrolled in school in 2000. Countywide, 67.5 percent had a high school diploma or higher and 8.5 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. The equivalent statewide figures for a high school diploma or higher and a bachelor's degree or higher were 75.7 percent and 23.2 percent, respectively. *

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT*

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 3 years and over enrolled in school		Population 25 years and over	
Nursery school, preschool	57	Less than 9th grade	708
Kindergarten	105	9th to 12th grade, no diploma	1,827
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	1,176	High school graduate	2,581
High school (grades 9-12)	591	Some college, no degree	1,739
College or graduate school	238	Associate degree	275
		Bachelor's degree	429
		Graduate or professional degree	233
Total	2,167		7,792

FISCAL INFORMATION

In 1999, the Health and Human Services Commission's poverty estimates for Marion County was 2,670 or 25.72 percent of the non-institutional population. Approximately 3,307,787 Texans or 16.54 percent of the total population fell beneath the poverty line in 1999; this exceeded the U.S. poverty rate of 11.8 percent. * There were 1,748 people enrolled in Medicaid in April 2002 with 889 of those being under the age of 18. *

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts reported total state expenditures of \$18,233,295 for Marion County in their "State Expenditures by County 2000" report. The State spent \$8,587,841 on public assistance and \$3,654,553 on highway construction and maintenance in Marion County. * During the third quarter of 2001, gross sales for all industries totaled \$33,842,465. Comparing the third quarter of 2000 to the third quarter of 2001, gross sales changed -8 percent (from \$36,930,287). * The county had 2 bank offices in 2001, as reported by the FDIC, with total deposits of \$69 million. This represents 0.03 percent of total deposits in Texas (\$243,390 billion).*

LABOR FORCE

The county civilian labor force was 3,380 in March 2002 reflecting an increase from the March 2001 level of 3,432. According to the Texas Workforce Commission, total unemployment in March 2002 was 271 contrasted to the March 2001 total of 334. The Marion County unemployment rate for March 2002 was 8.0 percent compared to the March 2001 rate of 9.7 percent. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in March 2002 and 4.2 percent in March 2001. *

In the first quarter of 2001, Marion County had 1,746 employed persons and an average weekly wage of \$402. *

Industry	Jobs Percentage	
Natural Resources & Mining	49	3%
Construction	89	5%
Manufacturing	262	15%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	352	21%

Information	0	0%
Financial Activities	37	2%
Professional & Business Services	20	1%
Education & Health Services	240	13%
Leisure & Hospitality	184	13%
Other Services	37	3%
Nonclassifiable	13	1%
Federal Government	36	2%
State Government	34	2%
Local Government	393	22%



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Texas Economic Development

Panola County

Panola County is in northeastern Texas, bordered on the east by Louisiana, on the south by Shelby County, on the west by Rusk County, and on the north by Harrison County. Carthage, the county seat, is twenty-six miles south of Marshall, sixty-five miles southeast of Tyler, and fifty miles north of Nacogdoches. Other communities in the county include Carthage, Beckville, and Gary. POTLACH, an annual event sponsored by the Panola County Chamber of Commerce, is held in October, celebrating local resources and industries. * Panola County, FIPSCODE 48365, is the 103rd largest of the 254 counties in Texas, with an estimated population of 22,756 in 2000. *

The county consists of 821 square miles with a 2000 population density of 28.4 residents per square mile.* The average density in Texas is 79.6 persons per square mile which is the same as the national average. Rainfall in Panola County averages 48.0 inches per year as compared to the Texas average of 28.1 inches per year. *

FARMING

The average growing season in Panola County is 240 days with the first freeze generally occurring around November 11. Texas is so climatically diverse that statewide averages are irrelevant as a means of comparison.

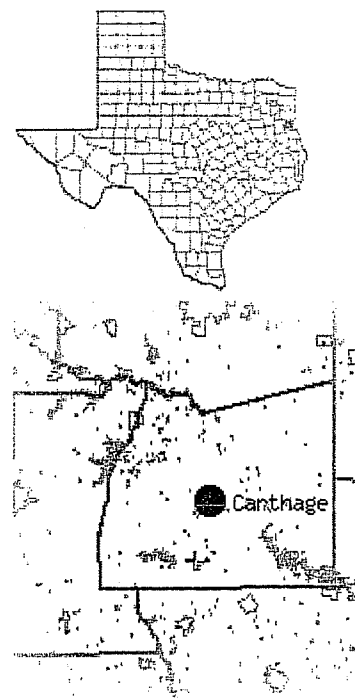
Farming *	1987	1997
Number of Farms	912	866
Acres of Farmland	201,728	202,258
Average Size of Farm (acres)	221	234

POPULATION

According to the Census, Panola County's population changed 3 percent from 1990 to 2000. The county's population was 22,035 in 1990 and 22,756 in 2000, an increase of 721. In 2000, the median age was 38.8 years versus a statewide average of 32.3 years and a national average of 35.3 years. * The Texas Department of Human Services reported there were 284 births and 236 deaths in Panola County in 2000.*

The 2000 Census estimates for Texas show a population composition as follows:

Age Breakdown*	Panola County	Texas
Under 18	25.2%	28.2%
18-24	9.2%	10.5%
25-44	25.1%	31.1%



Distances from the county seat Carthage (Miles)

Austin	239
Amarillo	479
Brownsville	471
Dallas	149
El Paso	710
Houston	176

Cities

- Beckville, City of
- Carthage, City of
- Gary, City of

Chambers

- Panola County Chamber of Commerce

45-64	24.6%	20.2%
65+	15.8%	9.9%

The 2000 Census Bureau's race/ethnic distribution estimates are as follows:*

Group *	Panola County	Panola County (Percent)	Texas	Texas (Percent)
White	17,927	79%	14,799,505	71.0%
Black	4,021	18%	2,404,566	11.5%
Hispanic	798	4%	6,669,666	32.0%
Asian	55	0%	562,319	2.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	82	0%	118,362	0.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1	0%	14,434	0.1%

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HOUSEHOLDS

The county had approximately 8,821 households in 2000 according to the Census. This represents an average of 2.53 persons per household. The housing per square mile rate was 11.2 percent and the county's homeowner rate was 80.8 percent. *

The mean travel time to work was 25.9 minutes compared to a state average of 25.4 minutes. The number of people over 16 who commuted to work was 8,851 while the number that worked at home was 230. The commuting to work breakdown was as follows: drove alone (7,205), carpoled (1,133), public transportation (9), walked (192), and other means (82).*

EDUCATION

According to the Census, 5,765 people in Panola County were enrolled in school in 2000. Countywide, 75.9 percent had a high school diploma or higher and 13.4 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. The equivalent statewide figures for a high school diploma or higher and a bachelor's degree or higher were 75.7 percent and 23.2 percent, respectively. *

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT*

Population 3 years and over
enrolled in school

Nursery school, preschool	267
Kindergarten	317
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	2,798

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25 years and over

Less than 9th grade	1,181
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	2,404
High school graduate	

Top 10 Employers

CARTHAGE ISD
CARTHAGE PROCESSING PLANT
EAST TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER -
CARTHAGE
GRAND BLUFF CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY INC
J GRAVES INSULATION CO INC
LOUISIANA-PACIFIC CORP
PANOLA COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE
PIERCE CONSTRUCTION INC
TEXAS LONGHAUL-TRUCKERS
WNA CARTHAGE

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			5,166
High school (grades 9-12)	1,552	Some college, no degree	3,330
College or graduate school	831	Associate degree	773
		Bachelor's degree	1,304
		Graduate or professional degree	690
Total	5,765		14,848

FISCAL INFORMATION

In 1999, the Health and Human Services Commission's poverty estimates for Panola County was 4,366 or 18.41 percent of the non-institutional population. Approximately 3,307,787 Texans or 16.54 percent of the total population fell beneath the poverty line in 1999; this exceeded the U.S. poverty rate of 11.8 percent. * There were 2,509 people enrolled in Medicaid in April 2002 with 1,266 of those being under the age of 18. *

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts reported total state expenditures of \$38,621,900 for Panola County in their "State Expenditures by County 2000" report. The State spent \$16,171,835 on public assistance and \$9,127,959 on highway construction and maintenance in Panola County. * During the third quarter of 2001, gross sales for all industries totaled \$105,260,583. Comparing the third quarter of 2000 to the third quarter of 2001, gross sales changed 23 percent (from \$85,489,335). * The county had 5 bank offices in 2001, as reported by the FDIC, with total deposits of \$341 million. This represents 0.14 percent of total deposits in Texas (\$243,390 billion).*

LABOR FORCE

The county civilian labor force was 8,020 in March 2002 reflecting an increase from the March 2001 level of 7,569. According to the Texas Workforce Commission, total unemployment in March 2002 was 662 contrasted to the March 2001 total of 531. The Panola County unemployment rate for March 2002 was 8.3 percent compared to the March 2001 rate of 7.0 percent. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in March 2002 and 4.2 percent in March 2001.*

In the first quarter of 2001, Panola County had 6,392 employed persons and an average weekly wage of \$490. *

Industry	Jobs	Percentage
Natural Resources & Mining	375	6%
Construction	652	12%
Manufacturing	1,180	18%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,264	20%
Information	35	1%
Financial Activities	240	4%
Professional & Business Services	226	4%

Education & Health Services	629	10%
Leisure & Hospitality	315	5%
Other Services	174	3%
Nonclassifiable	0	0%
Federal Government	78	1%
State Government	63	1%
Local Government	1,161	18%



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Texas Economic Development

Rains County

Rains County is in northeast Texas on the upper reaches of the Sabine River. It is bordered by Hunt, Hopkins, Wood, and Van Zandt counties. The county seat and largest town, Emory, is sixty-four miles east of Dallas. Recreation in Rains County revolves around its two large reservoirs. Farm Road 47, which runs south from Point and skirts around Iron Bridge Dam, has been designated part of the Texas Lakes Trail. There are public boat ramps and other facilities at both Lake Tawakoni and Lake Fork Reservoir. A county fair is held each September near Emory. * Rains County, FIPSCODE 48379, is the 170th largest of the 254 counties in Texas, with an estimated population of 9,139 in 2000. *

The county consists of 259 square miles with a 2000 population density of 39.4 residents per square mile.* The average density in Texas is 79.6 persons per square mile which is the same as the national average. Rainfall in Rains County averages 42.9 inches per year as compared to the Texas average of 28.1 inches per year. *

FARMING

The average growing season in Rains County is 242 days with the first freeze generally occurring around November 18. Texas is so climatically diverse that statewide averages are irrelevant as a means of comparison.

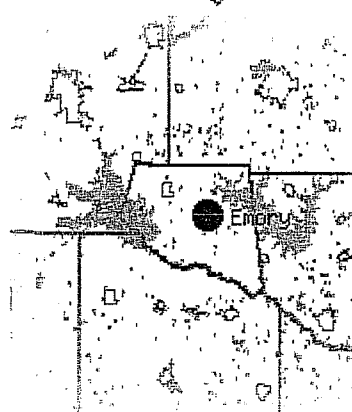
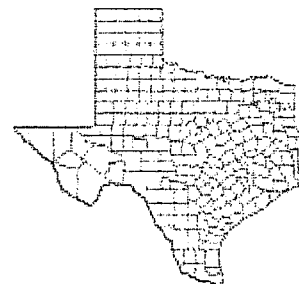
Farming *	1987	1997
Number of Farms	454	493
Acres of Farmland	96,893	94,427
Average Size of Farm (acres)	213	192

POPULATION

According to the Census, Rains County's population changed 36 percent from 1990 to 2000. The county's population was 6,715 in 1990 and 9,139 in 2000, an increase of 2,424. In 2000, the median age was 41.0 years versus a statewide average of 32.3 years and a national average of 35.3 years. * The Texas Department of Human Services reported there were 104 births and 100 deaths in Rains County in 2000.*

The 2000 Census estimates for Texas show a population composition as follows:

Age Breakdown*	Rains County	Texas
Under 18	23.8%	28.2%
18-24	7.4%	10.5%
25-44	25.1%	31.1%



Distances from the county seat Emory (Miles)

Austin	213
Amarillo	382
Brownsville	492
Dallas	58
El Paso	627
Houston	216

Cities

- Alba, City of
- East Tawakoni, City of
- Emory, City of
- Point, City of

Chambers

- Rains County Chamber of Commerce

45-64	27.7%	20.2%
65+	16.1%	9.9%

The 2000 Census Bureau's race/ethnic distribution estimates are as follows:*

Group *	Rains County	Rains County (Percent)	Texas	Texas (Percent)
White	8,400	92%	14,799,505	71.0%
Black	267	3%	2,404,566	11.5%
Hispanic	505	6%	6,669,666	32.0%
Asian	31	0%	562,319	2.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	75	1%	118,362	0.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	4	0%	14,434	0.1%

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HOUSEHOLDS

The county had approximately 3,617 households in 2000 according to the Census. This represents an average of 2.51 persons per household. The housing per square mile rate was 11.2 percent and the county's homeowner rate was 82.8 percent. *

The mean travel time to work was 36.9 minutes compared to a state average of 25.4 minutes. The number of people over 16 who commuted to work was 3,812 while the number that worked at home was 191. The commuting to work breakdown was as follows: drove alone (2,816), carpoled (648), public transportation (11), walked (99), and other means (47).*

EDUCATION

According to the Census, 2,022 people in Rains County were enrolled in school in 2000. Countywide, 73.0 percent had a high school diploma or higher and 11.5 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. The equivalent statewide figures for a high school diploma or higher and a bachelor's degree or higher were 75.7 percent and 23.2 percent, respectively. *

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT*

Population 3 years and over
enrolled in school

Nursery school, preschool	110
Kindergarten	125
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	979

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25 years and over

Less than 9th grade	617
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	1,085
High school graduate	

Top 10 Employers

BRANT STA INC
CIRCLE H SMOKEHOUSE
DAL-AIR TOOL CO INC
EMORY LIVESTOCK AUCTION INC
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF EMORY
JORDAN HEALTH SERVICES INC
M & L UTILITIES
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TERRYS STORE INC
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			2,361
High school (grades 9-12)	592	Some college, no degree	1,336
College or graduate school	216	Associate degree	177
		Bachelor's degree	469
		Graduate or professional degree	253
Total	2,022		6,298

FISCAL INFORMATION

In 1999, the Health and Human Services Commission's poverty estimates for Rains County was 1,343 or 16.79 percent of the non-institutional population. Approximately 3,307,787 Texans or 16.54 percent of the total population fell beneath the poverty line in 1999; this exceeded the U.S. poverty rate of 11.8 percent. * There were 874 people enrolled in Medicaid in April 2002 with 481 of those being under the age of 18. *

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts reported total state expenditures of \$15,658,856 for Rains County in their "State Expenditures by County 2000" report. The State spent \$4,011,623 on public assistance and \$3,708,848 on highway construction and maintenance in Rains County. * During the third quarter of 2001, gross sales for all industries totaled \$21,986,751. Comparing the third quarter of 2000 to the third quarter of 2001, gross sales changed 0 percent (from \$22,015,216). * The county had 5 bank offices in 2001, as reported by the FDIC, with total deposits of \$97 million. This represents 0.04 percent of total deposits in Texas (\$243,390 billion). *

LABOR FORCE

The county civilian labor force was 3,818 in March 2002 reflecting an increase from the March 2001 level of 3,807. According to the Texas Workforce Commission, total unemployment in March 2002 was 176 contrasted to the March 2001 total of 143. The Rains County unemployment rate for March 2002 was 4.6 percent compared to the March 2001 rate of 3.8 percent. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in March 2002 and 4.2 percent in March 2001. *

In the first quarter of 2001, Rains County had 1,441 employed persons and an average weekly wage of \$390. *

Industry	Jobs Percentage	
Natural Resources & Mining	32	2%
Construction	177	12%
Manufacturing	126	9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	333	22%
Information	24	2%
Financial Activities	54	4%
Professional & Business Services	86	5%

Education & Health Services	56	4%
Leisure & Hospitality	135	10%
Other Services	25	2%
Nonclassifiable	8	1%
Federal Government	17	1%
State Government	31	2%
Local Government	337	23%